



# Community Advancement Network

Presentation to  
City of Austin Community Development Commission

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# MISSION

CAN is a partnership of governmental, non-profit, private and faith-based organizations which leverage mutual resources to collectively improve social, health, educational and economic opportunities in our community.

<b>GOVERNMENT</b> City of Austin City of Pflugerville Travis County	<b>K-12 EDUCATION</b> Austin ISD Del Valle ISD Manor ISD	<b>TRANSPORTATION</b> Capital Metro	<b>HEALTH</b> Central Health Integral Care Seton Healthcare Family St. David's Foundation
<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b> Goodwill Central Texas Workforce Solutions— Capital Area	<b>HIGHER EDUCATION</b> Austin Community College Huston-Tillotson University St. Edward's University University of Texas	<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b> Asian Chamber Black Chamber Greater Austin Chamber Hispanic Chamber	<b>COLLABORATIVE / PHILANTHROPIC</b> Community Justice Council Interfaith Action (iACT) One Voice Central Texas United Way Greater Austin



# **CAN: Promoting & Supporting the Power of Collaboration for More than 25 Years**

- Identifying opportunities to coordinate and align services among CAN partners and other community service providers.
- Supporting efforts to address community challenges through collective action.
- Creating civic infrastructure for civic dialogue and civic action.
- Ensuring the right stakeholders are part of assessing and addressing the challenges our community faces.
- Increasing understanding of emerging issues and trends and identifying proactive strategies that may be pursued.

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# CAN SUPPORTS COLLABORATIVE ACTION AIMED AT EXPANDING EQUITY & OPPORTUNITY BY:

## DEVELOPING TOOLS TO INFORM

### CAN DASHBOARD

In 2021, CAN Published the 12th annual CAN community dashboard tracking 18 indicators that assess our community's overall health/well-being.

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### RACE EQUITY ACTION FRAMEWORK

In 2021, CAN published the Race Equity Action Framework to assess local needs and identify where more attention is needed.

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## CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE

### CAN COVID-19 RESPONSE

CAN launched the “We CAN! ATX” web portal as a flexible tool to get critical information to the public during times of crisis in multiple languages as well as to help people engage in the crisis response.

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### CAN PODCAST

In 2020, CAN launched “Get Engaged,” a weekly community calendar highlighting opportunities to get engaged on efforts aimed at advancing equity, opportunity and community well-being.

[Click Here](#) to Listen or Sign-Up



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## MAKING STRATEGIC CONNECTIONS

### LANGUAGE ACCESS

CAN has been working with its Language Access Action Team to develop resources that: organizations can use to improve services; and community members can use to access services. This includes establishment of the Central Texas Language Access Fund.

### REGIONAL SUMMIT

In 2021, CAN hosted its 5th biennial “Expanding Opportunity” Regional Summit to discuss the post-pandemic economic recovery . Follow-up “Expanding Opportunity Forums” are currently taking place.

[Click Here](#) for more information



# 2022 CAN WORK PLAN PRIORITY

Ensuring an Equitable  
Economic Recovery (new)

Addressing Community  
Mental Health & Wellness  
(new)

Improving Language Access  
and Resources  
  
(continuation)

Equity in the Pandemic  
Response (and emergency  
response generally)  
  
(continuation)





# DASHBOARD 2021

**COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT NETWORK**

# WE ARE SAFE, JUST & ENGAGED



- We are safe and free from abuse, neglect, crime, violence, and injustice.
- We respect and value diversity and inclusion.

	5 YEAR BASELINE	MOST RECENT	TARGET	5 YEAR TREND	ON TRACK TO TARGET?
Property Crime rate per 100,000 people:	3,139 in 2016	3,142 in 2020	1% annual reduction	WORSE	
Violent Crime rate per 100,000 people:	387 in 2016	420 in 2020	1% annual reduction	WORSE	
Proportionality of jail bookings across all races and ethnicities	disproportionality ratio of 2.6 for Blacks in 2015	disproportionality ratio of 2.8 for Blacks in 2019	Proportionate by 2025	WORSE	
Percent voter turnout:					
Presidential elections	61% in 2016	71% in 2020	71% in 2024	BETTER	
Gubernatorial elections	37% in 2014	59% in 2018	60% in 2022		

# WE ARE SAFE, JUST & ENGAGED

## HIGHLIGHTS

Travis County Crime Declined

**3%**

From 2015 to 2020

Travis County Voter Turnout Increased

**10%**

From 2016 to 2020 in Travis County

## CHALLENGES

African-American adults are

**2.8 times as likely**

To be booked into jail than White adults

Property Crime Increased

**10%**

From 2019 to 2020 in Travis County

# OUR BASIC NEEDS ARE MET



- We live in a community where the basic needs of all are met.
- We live in affordable and stable housing with access to open space and public amenities.
- We have affordable, accessible, and reliable transportation.

	5 YEAR BASELINE	MOST RECENT	TARGET	5 YEAR TREND	ON TRACK TO TARGET?
Percent who live in poverty	13% in 2015	11% in 2019	10% in 2025	 BETTER	
Percent of residents who live in food insecure households	16% in 2015	13% in 2019	15% in 2025	 BETTER	
Percent of households that are housing cost-burdened	36% in 2015	33% in 2019	33% in 2025	 BETTER	
Percent who drive alone to work	75% in 2015	72% in 2019	70% in 2025	 UNCHANGED	
Number of people identified as homeless on a given day	2,138 in 2016	2,506 in 2020	1,000 in 2025	 WORSE	

# OUR BASIC NEEDS ARE MET

## HIGHLIGHTS

In 2019, the Travis County **Poverty Rate** was **12%**  
(It was 15% in 2015)

The **Food Insecurity** rate decreased to **13%** in 2019  
(It was 16% in 2015)

## CHALLENGES

The **Poverty Rate** for African-Americans and Hispanics is **2 times higher** than it is for Whites

**41,130 children** in Travis County were **Food Insecure** in **2019**  
(In 2013, that number was 63,780)

# WE ARE HEALTHY



- We live, work, learn, and play in accessible, safe, clean, and healthy physical environments.
- We have access to goods & services to achieve and maintain optimal physical & emotional well-being.

	5 YEAR BASELINE	MOST RECENT	TARGET	5 YEAR TREND	ON TRACK TO TARGET?
Percent under the age of 65 who have no health insurance	16% in 2015	16% in 2019	12% in 2025	UNCHANGED	N
Percent of adults who report poor mental health	20% in 2016	27% in 2020	15% in 2025	WORSE	N
Percent of adults who are obese	23% in 2016	27% in 2020	19% in 2025	BETTER	N
Percent of adults who smoke	14% in 2016	12% in 2020	10% in 2025	BETTER	N
Number of days with good air quality	280 in 2016	249 in 2021	279 in 2025	WORSE	N

# WE ARE HEALTHY

## HIGHLIGHTS

The percentage of **adults without health insurance** declined by **12 %** in Travis County from 2017 to 2019.

In 2020, the percentage of **adults that smoke** was **11%** in the Austin MSA, compared to 20% in 2008.

## CHALLENGES

The Obesity Rate in Travis County **increased from 23% to 27%**

In the period from 2016 to 2020.

For this indicator, we also report inequities by sex, race, and income

# WE ACHIEVE OUR FULL POTENTIAL



- We have the education, skills and opportunities to achieve our full potential and lead meaningful, joyful lives.
- We have adequate income, resources, and supports to live independent lives.

	5 YEAR BASE-LINE	MOST RECENT	TARGET	5 YEAR TREND	ON TRACK TO TARGET?
Percent of kindergarteners who are school ready	41% in 2015	50% in 2019	70% by 2023	BETTER	
Percent of students who graduate from high school in four years	91% Class of 2016	91% Class of 2020	95% Class of 2023	UNCHANGED	
Percent of Central Texas HS Grads Who Enrolled in a Texas Institution Within One Year of Graduating, and Earn a Credential Within 6 Years	47% Class of 2010	56% Class of 2014	55% Class of 2017 (by 2023)	BETTER	
Annual unemployment rate	3.1% in 2017	4% in 2021	3.5% in 2023	WORSE	

# WE ACHIEVE OUR FULL POTENTIAL

## HIGHLIGHTS

In 2021, the Travis County **Unemployment Rate** was **4 %** (It was 6.3% in 2020)

In 2021, the **Postsecondary Completion Rate** was **56 %** compared to 47% in 2017

## CHALLENGES

The **Unemployment Rate** for **African-Americans** was **59% higher** than it was for Whites

**56%** of Central Texas students earn a degree in 6 years, compared to **37%** of **African-American** students & **44%** of **Hispanic** students

# 2022 CAN STAFF & LEADERSHIP

## CAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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David Evans, Integral Care

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**Thank you for the Opportunity to Present!**

## **Questions?**

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